

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS.
COUNTY OF WILL)

***IN THE OFFICE OF THE LOCAL LIQUOR CONTROL
COMMISSIONER OF THE CITY OF JOLIET***

IN RE: APPLICATION OF ROCHELLE SAENZ)
FOR THE ISSUANCE)
OF A CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE)
AT 454 E. CASS STREET)
JOLIET, ILLINOIS)

Case No. 24-1.1

ORDER

This matter comes on pursuant to the application of Rochelle Saenz, for the issuance of a Class C liquor license at 454 E. Cass Street. Public hearing on the application has been held pursuant to lawful notice and the application has been considered by the Mayor and City Council in accordance with the Joliet Liquor Code. Based on the foregoing, the Commissioner hereby makes the following findings of fact:

1. Rochelle Saenz applied for the issuance of a Class C liquor license for the premises located at 454 E. Cass Street; a public hearing was held on February 28, 2024.
2. The applicant has applied for the issuance of a Class C liquor license. A Class C liquor license authorizes the sale of alcoholic beverage in its original package, not for consumption on the premises.
3. The proposed premise is located at 454 E. Cass Street, Joliet, Illinois. This property consists of a brick structure which is currently a stand alone grocery store. To the west is an auto parts store and a fast food restaurant, to the south is a residential neighborhood and high school athletic fields, to the east is a restaurant with a liquor license, to the north is a strip mall with a carry out liquor store.
4. The proposed premise is zoned for business, however the surrounding area is a large residential neighborhood.
5. A review of police department calls for service at the proposed premise over the past year reveals 219.

6. The criteria used in determining whether the issuance of a new liquor license is in the best interest of the City include the following:

Section 4-13(c)(10): The zoning, general character of the surrounding neighborhood, and the projected impact of the premises upon the surrounding neighborhood and the city as a whole.

Section 4-13(c)(11): The law enforcement problems, if any, which would be created by the opening of the premises.

The proposed premise (454 E. Cass Street) is next to a residential area. The issuance of a liquor license at this location, regardless of class, will likely have a negative impact on the surrounding neighborhood, as well as the city as a whole. The amount and types of calls for service at surrounding addresses indicates that there are already law enforcement problems in that area; adding a liquor license would exacerbate them. Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Commissioner hereby concludes that there exists just cause to deny the application for the issuance of a liquor license.

WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

That the application of Rochelle Saenz for the premises located at 454 E. Cass Street for the issuance of a Class C liquor license be denied.

DATE: March 12, 2024

ENTER: _____

TERRY D'ARCY
Local Liquor Control Commissioner
City of Joliet

PROOF OF SERVICE

I have duly served the foregoing Order on _____ by leaving a copy thereof with the said _____ personally on the ____ day of March 2024.

SERVING OFFICER

Received one (1) copy of the above Order and I hereby acknowledge receipt of same.

BY: _____